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TITLE OF INVENTION	NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE FOR HIGH SPEED DATA LINES			
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EXAMINER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. <b>08/993,271</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Meyerhoefer</b>
	Examiner <b>Clark S. Cheney</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2747</b>

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to Terminal Disclaimer, filed October 19, 1999

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38

The drawings filed on May 22, 1998 are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All    Some\*    None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

#### Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 6

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Art Unit:

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Terminal Disclaimer***

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on October 19, 1999, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,363 to Chaudhry has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-38 are allowed.

***Drawings***

3. The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Clark S. Cheney, Patent Examiner, whose telephone number is (703) 306-5836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.S.T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester W. Isen, can be reached at (703) 305-4386. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-5403.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

  
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